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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES ADVANCE MISSION TO  
CHAD AND CAR

¶1. (U) On January 16 the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted a Presidential Statement (PRST) requesting the Secretary-General to deploy an advance mission to Chad and the Central African Republic to lay the political groundwork for an eventual multidimensional UN presence in those countries. The final text, contained in Paragraph 2, was agreed after the Chinese delegation conceded to deletion of a phrase that suggested the incoming peacekeeping force could act only with the consent of the Chadian and CAR governments. The PRST was adopted as UN document S/PRST/2007/2.

¶2. (U) Begin PRST text:

The Security Council reiterates its concern about the continuing instability along the borders between the Sudan, Chad and the Central African Republic and about the threat which this poses to the safety of the civilian population and the conduct of humanitarian operations.

The Security Council takes note of the Secretary-General's report of 22 December 2006 (S/2006/1019), which contains preliminary recommendations on the deployment of a multidimensional United Nations presence in eastern Chad and north-eastern Central African Republic. It notes the position taken by the Central African and Chadian authorities in favour in principle of such a presence and looks forward to their continued engagement in preparing for it.

The Security Council notes the Secretary-General's intention to authorize the immediate return of the technical assessment mission to the region in order to complete its observations that were curtailed on security grounds and requests him to submit, by the middle of February 2007, updated and finalized recommendations on the size, structure and mandate of a UN multidimensional presence.

To accelerate preparations for an early decision on the possible deployment of a multidimensional UN presence, the Security Council requests the Secretary-General deploy as soon as possible an advance mission to Chad and the Central African Republic, in consultation with their Governments, as envisaged in paragraph 88 of his report.

¶3. (U) End PRST text.  
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